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 Bonn's G-1138 sent G-279 to London.

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Department believes procedure on TTD ban tripartitely agreed Bonn to be excellent one.

Embassy should point out great desirability prompt, firm response to East German encroachments in Berlin. Impact on GDR regime as well as on West Berlin strongly affected by manner in which countermeasure taken. While promptness theoretically possible without previously-agreed procedure such as that suggested, it obviously much more difficult and hence much less likely. TTD countermeasures generally desirable under circumstances envisaged, particularly given degree of success this response to GDR September 8 decree. Thus principal problem would presumably be extent of automaticity of application. Given definite time limit of ban duration, in absence of further positive action by three Governments, Department believes procedure contains safeguards against our becoming automatically involved in a long-term freeze from which extrication would be difficult.

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